

a myroure in der knesse: but þane  
face to face / now I knowe of par  
ty: but þane I shal knowe. as  
I am knowyn / and now dwellen  
seyn hope & charite: yes yre. but  
ye mooste of res is charite.

**S**o þe charite. **C. xij.**  
te. loue ze spiritual vi  
gis: but more þe pfe  
cien: & he pat spekþ in tuge:  
spekþ not to me but to god: for  
no man heeryþ / but ye spirit spe  
kþ in mynsteres: for he pat pfecter:  
spekþ to me to edificacioun. &  
monestynge & confortynge: he þ  
spekþ in tuge: edifyeþ hy self:  
but he pat pfecter: edifyeþ ye  
churche of god: & I wole þ alle  
ze speke in tūgis: but more þ  
ze pfectie: for he þ pfecter: is  
more þa he pat spekþ in langa  
gis: but þe pfecter: he expou  
ne: þe churche take edificaci  
on: but now byþen but if I co  
me to you: & speke in langagis:  
what shal I profite to you: but  
if I speke to you: eyn in reuelaci  
on. eyn in science. eyn in pro  
fete. eyn i teching: for þe pigis þ  
ben wyponre soule. & zynen voy  
ces. eyn pipe. eyn harpe. but þe  
zynen distynction of soundis:  
how shal it be knowyn þ is lū  
gū. eyn pat pat is triupid: for if  
a triupe zynen an ouer tēyn low  
ne: who shal make hy self redy  
to batel: so but ze zynen an apyn  
word bi tuge: how shal pat þ  
is leid be knowyn: for ze shule  
be spekyge in weyn: þ be ma  
ny kyndis of langagis in þis wor  
ld: & no pig is wyponre voyz:  
but if I knowe not þe vñ of

a voyz: I shal be to hy to who I shal  
speke a barbaris: & he pat spe  
kþ to me: shal be a barbaris:  
so ze for ze ben loneris of spri  
tis seke ze þe be plenteuous:  
to edificacioun of ye churche: and  
þfore he pat spekþ in langage:  
preye pat he expoune: for if I  
preye in tuge: my spirit prei  
ey: my vñdirstondig: is wypon  
te fruyt: what þane: I shal prei  
in spirit: I shal prei in myte:  
I shal seyn salm in spirit: I shal  
seyn salm also in myte: for if I  
blest in spirit: who fill þe pla  
ce of an ydōt: **¶** how shal he seyn  
amē on þi blestynge: for he wot  
not what þou seist: for þou dost  
wel þankigis: but anoy mā is not  
edifyed. **¶** I þanke my god: for  
I speke in ye langage of alle þou:  
but in ye churche I wole speke þi  
ne wordis in my vñ: pat also I  
teche ope me: þan ten þousandis  
of wordis in tuge. **¶** I þen nyle  
ze be maid childe in wittis: but  
I malice be ze childe: but I wot  
tis: be ze þat þit: for in þe lawe  
it is writū: þ in ope tūgis & ope  
lyppis I shal speke to þis peple:  
& neþ so ver shule heer me: seyn  
ye lord: þfore langagis ben into  
tokene not to seynful me: but  
to me out of ye seyn: but pfectes  
ben not to me out of ye seyn:  
but to seynful me: þfore if al ye  
churche come to gidge into oon:  
& alle me speken i tūgis: if ydō  
tis eyn me out of ye seyn entren:  
whereþ ver shulen not seyn: what  
ben ze woode: but if alle men  
pfecten: if ony vnseynful mā or  
ydōt entre: he is conyrt of alle.

he is wysely demyd of alle: for ye  
hid pigis of his herte ben kno  
wn: & so he shal falle dou on þe  
face: & shal worlthipe god: &  
shewe verly: þ god is in you:  
what þane byþere: **¶** whne ze  
comen to gidge: ech of you haþ  
a salm. he har teching: he har a  
psalms he har tuge he har ex  
pouning: alle pigis be þe don  
to edificacioun: whereþ amā speky  
in tuge: by tūge me eyn þe at  
ye mooste: & by parties. þ oon  
interprete: but if yer be not an  
interpretour: be he stille in ye chur  
che: & speke he to hy self: & to god:  
pfectis tūgeye or þe seyn: & ope  
wysely deme: but if ony pig be  
shewid to a sette: þe formere  
be stille: for ze mon profete al  
le: ech by hy self: þ alle me lerne.  
& alle moneste: & ye spiritis of  
pfectis: be enget to pfectis: for  
why god is not of dissencion: but  
of pees: as in alle churchis of hoo  
ly men I teche. **¶** I þmen i chur  
chis be stille: for it is not enuffid  
to he to speke: but to be enget  
as ye laue seyn: but if þe wole  
on þ pig lerne: athom are þe  
her holebondis: for it is foul pig  
to a woman: to speke in churche:  
whereþ of you þe word of god  
cam forþ: or to you aloune it cā:  
if ony mā is seyn to be a profe  
te or spiritual: knowe he þe  
pigis pat I wite to you: for þe  
ben þe comandemētis of þe lord:  
& if ony man vnknowyn: he sh  
al be vnknowyn: þfore byþeren  
loue ze to profete: & nyle ze for  
bede to speke in tūgis: but be al  
le pigis don honestly: & by due

ordre in you. **C. xvi.**  
**B**reþren I make þe gospel  
knowū to you: which I ha  
ue prechid to you. þe wh  
ich allo ze han takū: in which ze  
stonden. also by which ze shulen  
be saued: by which re lū: I haue  
prechid to you if ze holden: if ze  
han not bileyd ydely: for I þy  
took to you at þe bygynng: pat  
pig which allo I haue relleyned.  
þ crist was deed for oure synes.  
by þe scripturis. & þ he was bi  
ryed: & pat he roos azen i þe vñ  
de day after scripturis. & þ he w  
seyn to cefas: & after þe pigis  
to euleneue: after ward he was  
seyn to mo þan fyue hundrid by  
þen to gidge: of which he manye  
lyne zt: but sinne ben deed: af  
ter ward he was seyn to james.  
& after ward to alle þe aposthis:  
& last of alle: he was seyn also to  
me: as to a deed born childe: for I  
am þe leeste of aposthis: þ am  
not worþi to be clepid apostle:  
for I þur lūwde þe churche of  
god: but by þe grace of god I am  
pat pig: þ I am: and his grace  
was not voyde in me: for I tra  
uelide more plenteuously þan  
alle þe: but not I: but þe gra  
ce of god wyþ me: but why þ  
I or þe: so we han prechid: &  
so ze han byleyned: & if cā is  
prechid: pat he roos azen fro  
deey: how seyn sū me a mog  
þou: þ þe azenryng of deed  
me is not: & if þe azenryng  
of deed me is not: neþ crist roos  
azen fro deey: & if cā roos not:  
oun prechig is weyn: oun seyn  
is weyn: and we ben foundū fals